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PLANS/PROJECTS FOR WEAKER SECTIONS

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) The details of various projects/plans being implemented by Government for the upliftment of weaker sections of the society;
- (b) The number of persons benefited thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) Whether Government has reviewed the performance of various ongoing schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes considering the present status of these reserved categories;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the efforts made by Government for better implementation of the said schemes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing the following Schemes for the upliftment of Economically Backward Classes of the society:

(i) PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and others (PM – YASASVI)

(ii) Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for OBCs and EBCs (Under SHREYAS umbrella scheme)

Details of above schemes are at –**Annexure-I.**

(b) The details of persons benefited during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise/UT-wise is at **Annexure-II.**

(c) to (e) The Government undertakes periodic review of the implementation of Schemes through third party evaluation studies for recommendation on continuation of Schemes. Studies have found that the Schemes are beneficial to targeted beneficiaries and achieving desired objectives of the Schemes. Recently, a National review meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, SJ&E was held on 9th May, 2022 to review the performance of the States.

- Also, the Government undertakes State level review of Schemes from time to time. States/UTs are required to set up a robust monitoring mechanism for monitoring the Schemes. Department also encourages digital platforms to reach the benefit to the targeted beneficiaries through DBT mode of payments.

The existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) Students schemes were formulated in the year 1998-99. Further the scheme for educational empowerment of EBC/DNT students was launched in the year 2014-15. All these scholarship schemes have been operational since their inception. The schemes aim towards educational empowerment of the socio-economically backward classes, thereby facilitating the completion of education of the most vulnerable sections of the target population. However, the absence of a national census for the identification of OBC/EBC/DNT community has adversely impacted the outreach of the schemes, preventing a large number of potential beneficiaries from availing the scheme benefits.

Keeping in view the present implementation status, an umbrella scheme namely PM –YASASVI for OBC, EBC and DNT Students has been formulated for implementation since 2021-22, including two new sub schemes of top class education, and now having following five sub-schemes:

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- (iii) Top Class School Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- (iv) Top Class College Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- (v) Construction of Hostel for OBC Boys and Girls (For OBC only)

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO OBC, EBC AND DNT STUDENTS:

The objective of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT students (who are not covered under SC, ST or OBC) is welfare and motivation to the children of these categories by providing financial assistance at pre matriculation or secondary stage. Scholarship under the Scheme will be available for studies in India only and will be awarded by the Government of the State/Union Territory to which the applicant belongs i.e. where he is domiciled.

Salient Features of the scheme:

- The scholarship will be provided for students studying in class IX and X on a full time basis in Government School only.
- Parents /guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs.2,50,000/- per annum.
- The students shall be given a consolidated academic allowance of Rs. 4000/- per annum.
- 10% extra allowance shall be given to Divyang (Disable) students.
- The scheme will be implemented and administered in accordance with the procedure laid down by the State Govts./UT Administration in this regard.
- The concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations will lay down the detailed procedure for selection of students.

- There will be a 60: 40 sharing ratio between the Centre and States. For North Eastern States and for the states of Uttarakhand and Himanchal Pradesh the sharing ratio will be 90:10. For UTs without legislatures, 100% funds shall be provided by Centre.

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR OBC, EBC AND DNT STUDENTS FOR STUDYING IN INDIA:

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC, EBC and DNT students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. These scholarships shall be available for studies in India only and will be awarded by the Government of State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs, i.e. permanently settled.

Salient Features of the Scheme:

- Only such educational Institutions which maintain the laid down academic standards shall be covered under the scheme.
- Scholarships will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post-secondary courses (Intermediate/Senior Secondary, Diploma, long-term Vocational Training Certificate, Graduate, Post Graduate courses etc.) pursued in recognized Institutions / Universities/ Colleges
- The scholarships will be open to Indian nationals belonging to OBCs, EBCs and DNTs, as notified by the Central Govt./State Govt./ UT Admn.
- Parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum will be entitled for the scholarship under the Scheme
- There will be a 60: 40 sharing ratio between the Centre and States. For North Eastern States and for the states of Uttarakhand and Himanchal Pradesh the sharing ratio will be 90:10. For UTs without legislatures, 100% funds shall be provided by Centre.
- The scholarship includes the following components for the complete duration of the course:-

Category of courses	Yearly (in Rs)		
	Academic Allowance	Tuition Fee	Total
Group 1: Degree and Post Graduate level professional courses	10000	10000	20000
Group 2: Other Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate	8000	5000	13000
Group 3: Graduate and Post Graduate courses not covered under Group I & Group II	6000	2000	8000
Group 4: All post-matriculation (Post Class X level) non-degree courses	5000	0	5000

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF TOP CLASS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS FOR OBC, EBC AND DNT STUDENTS

The objective of the scheme is to recognise and promote quality education amongst Students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT categories by providing full financial support. The Scheme will cover OBC/EBC/DNT students for pursuing studies from Class IX to XII th in top reputed school shortlisted by the Govt. This is a new scheme being implemented w.e.f. 2022-23.

Salient features of the scheme:

- The grants will be provided for tuition fee etc as required by the school, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 75,000/- per annum per student of class 9 and 10 and Rs. 1,25,000/- per annum per student of class 11 and 12.
- The good quality CBSE/ICSE affiliated reputed and performing higher secondary schools having classes from 9 to 12, shall be covered under the scheme.
- The students who secured admission in the shortlisted schools would only be eligible for scholarships under the scheme.
- The students will be selected based on merits in Computer based test namely “ YASASVI ENTRANCE TEST (YET)” to be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for this year on 11.09.2022.
- Target beneficiaries for 2022-23 have been kept 15,000 as this is the first year of implementation.

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF TOP CLASS EDUCATION IN COLLEGE FOR OBC, EBC AND DNT STUDENTS

The objective of the scheme is to recognise and promote quality education amongst Students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT categories by providing full financial support. The Scheme will cover OBC/EBC/DNT students for pursuing studies beyond class XIIth. This is a new scheme being implemented w.e.f. 2021-22.

Salient features of the Scheme:

- The Scheme will operate in all the institutions notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for every financial year 2021-22 onwards.
- All the IIMs / IITs/ IIITs / AIIMSs/ NITs/NIFTs/ NIDs/ Indian Institutes of Hotel Management, National Law Universities and other Central Government Institutions will be eligible to be included in the Scheme.
- The list of the ‘Top Class’ Institutions to be covered under the Scheme along with number of scholarship slots will be notified by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The students, who secure admission in the notified institutions, will be awarded scholarship to meet the requirements for

(a) full tuition fee and non-refundable charges (there will be a ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum per student for private sector institutions and Rs. 3.72 lakhs per annum per student for the private sector flying clubs for Commercial Pilot Training and Type Rating Courses)

(b) living expenses to the beneficiary @Rs.3000/-per month per student

(c) books and stationery @ Rs. 5000/- per annum per student; and

(d) a latest computer/laptop of reputed brand with accessories like UPS and printer limited to Rs. 45000/- per student as one time assistance during the course.

Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) (OBC & Others) - 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs):

This is a Central Sector Scheme to provide interest subsidy to the student belonging to the OBCs and EBCs on the interest payable for the period of moratorium for the Education Loans for overseas studies to pursue approved courses of studies abroad at Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. level.

Salient features of the Scheme:

- The Scheme is applicable for higher studies abroad. The interest Subsidy shall be linked with the existing Educational Loan Scheme of Indian Banks Association (IBA) and restricted to students enrolled for course at Masters, M.Phil and Ph.D level.
- The students should have secured admission in the approved courses at Masters, M.Phil or Ph.D levels abroad for the courses listed in the guidelines.
- For OBC candidates, total income from all sources of the employed candidate or his/her parents/guardians in case of unemployed candidate shall not exceed present Creamy Layer criteria. For EBC candidates, total income from all sources of the employed candidate or his/her parents/guardians in case of unemployed candidate shall not exceed Rs.5.00 lakh per annum
- Under the scheme, 100% interest payable by the students availing the education loans of the IBA for the period of moratorium (i.e. course period, plus one year or six months after getting job, whichever is earlier) as prescribed under the Education Loan Scheme of the IBA, shall be borne by the Government of India.
- After the period of moratorium is over, the interest on the outstanding loan amount shall be paid by the student, in accordance with the existing Educational Loan Scheme as may be amended from time to time.
- The candidate will bear the Principal installments and interest beyond moratorium period.
- Maximum limit of loan is Rs 20 Lakhs.

Annexure II- referred in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2052 for answer on 03.08.2022

State-wise number of beneficiaries under the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students (Numbers in lakhs)					
S.No	States/ UTs	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.11	-	*	No fund released
2	Bihar	60.22	104.99	*	
3	Chhattisgarh	0	8.37	*	
4	Goa	0.23	-	0.01	
5	Gujarat	1.03	1.01	*	
6	Haryana	\$	-	*	
7	Himachal Pradesh	0	-	*	
8	Jammu & Kashmir	0.35	0.17	*	
9	Jharkhand	0.34	8.61	2.27	
10	Karnataka	15.34	11.25	*	
11	Kerala	2.31	2.40	*	
12	Madhya Pradesh	0	-	*	
13	Maharashtra	0	5.97	*	
14	Odisha	1.21	1.37	*	
15	Punjab	2.21	2.10	*	
16	Rajasthan	1.66	6.37	*	
17	Tamil Nadu	1.11	1.61	*	
18	Telangana	0	0.03	*	
19	Uttar Pradesh	3.27	6.99	*	
20	Uttarakhand	0	0.22	*	
21	West Bengal	4.28	4.22	3.13	
22	Assam	0	0.03	*	
23	Manipur	0.03	0.05	*	
24	Sikkim	0.01	0.01	*	
25	Tripura	0.66	0.24	*	
26	A & N Island	0	-	*	
27	Chandigarh	0.01	-	*	
28	D & N Haveli	0	-	*	
29	Daman & Diu	0	-	*	
30	Delhi	0.11	0.07	0.33	
31	Puducherry	0.03	0.03	*	
	Total:	94.52	166.096	5.74	
	* Not reported by State /Implementing Agencies				

State-wise number of beneficiaries under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for OBC Students (numbers in lakhs)					
Sl. No.	State/UTs	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	7.43	14.39	*	No fund released
2	Bihar		4.71	*	
3	Chhattisgarh	2.81	2.77	*	
4	Goa	0.03	0.03	0.00146	
5	Gujarat	2.53	1.94	*	
6	Haryana	0.06	0.33	*	
7	Himachal Pradesh	0.07	0.07	*	
8	Jammu & Kashmir	0.03	0.07	*	
9	Jharkhand	0.12	1.93	2.02	
10	Karnataka	3.63	7.25	*	
11	Kerala	3.59	1.24	*	
12	Madhya Pradesh	0.21	0.23	*	
13	Maharashtra	4.06	6.26	*	
14	Odisha	1.15	1.11	*	
15	Punjab	0.17	\$	*	
16	Rajasthan	0.55	0.37	0.77	
17	Tamil Nadu	2.08	2.21	*	
18	Telangana	3.51	0.13	*	
19	Uttar Pradesh	5.75	2.38	1.74	
20	Uttarakhand	0.16	\$	*	
21	West Bengal	2.36	1.19	*	
22	Andaman & Nicobar		0.01	*	
23	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.01	*	
24	Daman & Diu	0.01		*	
25	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	*	
26	Delhi	0.07	0.07	0.06	
27	Puducherry	0.03	0.01	*	
28	Assam	0.15	0.44	*	
29	Manipur	0.20	0.25	Nil	
30	Sikkim	0.02	0.02	*	
31	Tripura	0.16	0.12	*	
	Total:	40.94	49.54	4.59146	
	* Not reported by State/Implementing Agencies				

Dr.Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Students for OBCs/EBCs

Year	Beneficiaries (Actual)
2019-20	3297
2020-21	4342
2021-22	6564
2022-23	no release of fund
